



**Good Shepherd Gospel Church**  
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# LIVING TO SERVE

JANUARY 2024

## Key Dates

- Sunday Service:  
(Bilingual: Tamil & English)  
@ 10am to 12:30pm
- Holy communion follows  
the 1st Sunday service.
- Fasting prayer:  
every 1st Saturday of the month  
@ 9:30 am to 1:30pm
- Bible study:  
every Thursday,  
@ 6:30pm
- Youth meeting:  
every Monday, 6.00am  
& every 2nd Saturday  
@ 10am to 12pm
- Ladies' prayer meeting  
2nd Friday of every month,  
@ 10:30am
- Kids Class:  
Every Fridays @ 4:30pm
- Church Family Prayer:  
Every Friday @ 6:30pm to 7:45pm



## Birthdays:

- 01st Jan - Lydia
- 02nd Jan - Mrs Banu Rajan
- 02nd Jan - Mr. Indran
- 06th Jan - Mrs. Pramy Hary
- 10th Jan - Mr. Samraj
- 13th Jan - Mrs. Sandhya Isaac
- 21st Jan - Evangeline Hannah



## Anniversaries:

- 06th Jan - Mr. Hary & Mrs, Pramy
- 19th Jan - Mr. Gandhi & Mrs. Geetha
- 25th Jan - Mr. Jose & Mrs. Benedicta Jose



## Our Location

Good Shepherd Gospel Church  
Lordswood Community Centre  
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## Social Media:

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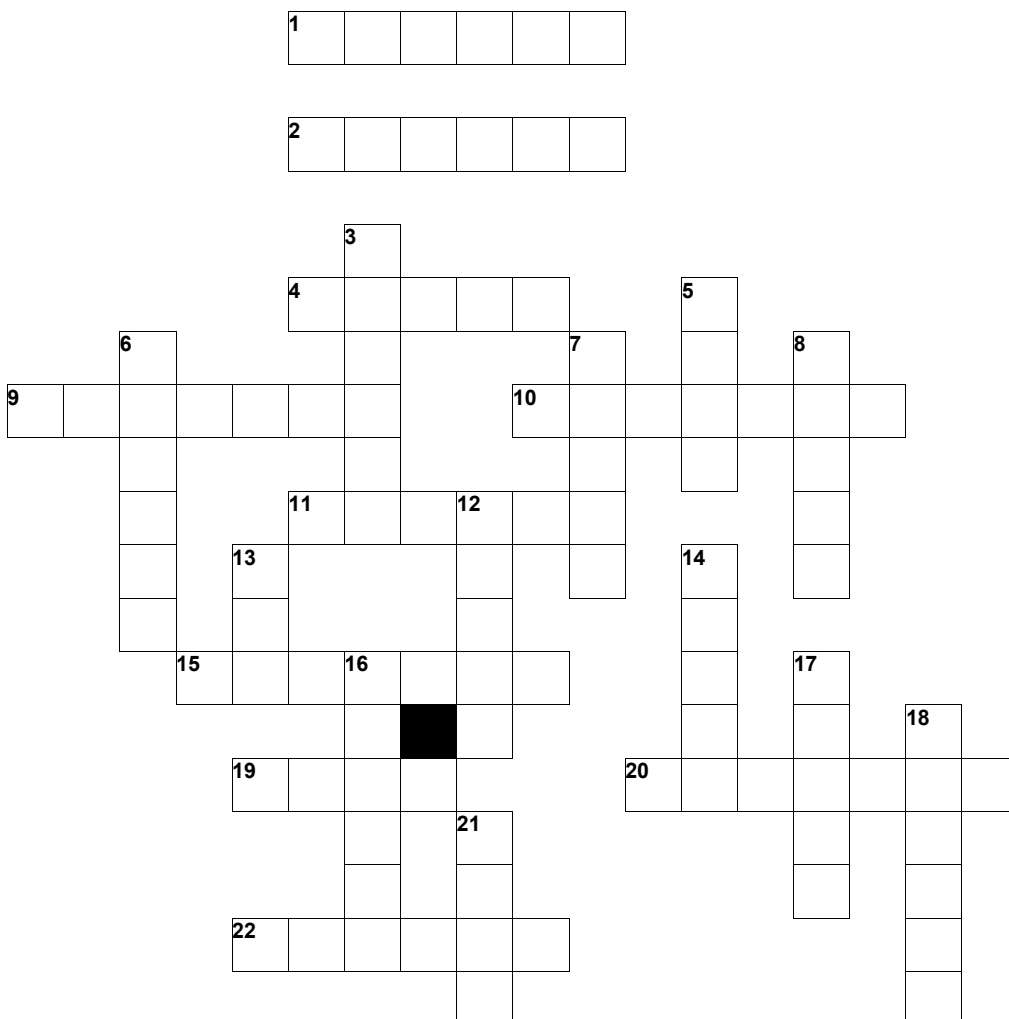


Sunday school topics taught in the month of December:

- Fruits of Holy Spirit
- How to work as a team in Christ based on Bible verse Judges 4-5.
- Jesus knows how we feel.

### Activities for kids:

#### People of the Bible



#### Across

1. Born with tremendous strength
2. His mother could not have children
4. One of the gates rulers or Israel
9. Cut the hair of Samson
10. Son of king David
11. Able to perform miracles
15. Wife of Isaac
19. Name means the act of seeing or light
20. Had a child at 99 years old, he was faithful man
22. Rescued Hebrew babies

#### Down

3. Passed away birthing her last child
5. Spokesperson of his brother Moses
6. Prophet of the lord
7. Was thrown over the boat, and swallowed by a huge fish
8. Always talking to God
12. Mother of Isaac
13. First women to sin
14. Husband of Rachel, he had 12 sons
16. Real name is Hadassa
17. Died at 180 years old
18. Name was changed to Belteshazzar

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **Dryness to Life - *I will put my spirit in you***

#### **Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ:**

Dear brothers and sisters, the Sunday message was delivered under the topic '**Dryness to Life**' meditating the verse Ezekiel 37:14 "***I will put my spirit in you and you shall live***". Lets have a deeper thought about reasons of dryness in one's life. There might be many reasons but the Holy Spirit to our congregation revealed the following - the lack of relationship with God, not yielding to the Holy Spirit, not rooted in the Word of God, attitude of impenitence and not enjoying the presence of God. I want to be very clear about the fact it is not God's will for us to be lifeless, so he pours the spirit of supplication along with spirit of grace as stated in Zechariah 12-10. Because only through the spirit of supplication one would get the light and revelation on what to pray and request God what we need. I can confidently reinstate that there are many characters in Bible who have prayed with spirit of supplication and have received God's glory, to name some are King Hezekiah in 2Kings 20:1-5, Hannah in 1Samuel 1: 10-12; 17; 27. It is wise to ask God that I have a situation and how you would like me to supplicate this- Ephesians 6-8 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints". And God does not push our prayers if presented in spirit of supplication which is revealed by him and is confirmed by the verse Psalms 6:9.

God wants to clothe us with sinews, flesh and skin by giving us the spirit of hearing the Word, keeping the Word and transforming through and by Word. His Word is our daily manna; strive to receive it at any cost. When Word is rooted Jesus Christ will manifest himself in us, no longer us but he will take control of our lives. Jairus situation in Bible is an apt example. Jairus never left Jesus side even when he received the bad news, and he kept trusting in the word of faith/hope that Jesus promised him" Do not be afraid; just believe" and his daughter was saved. Stay with him who blesses you with LIFE and travel with Word of GOD.

Let us be practical and look at the most common problems that we face day to day, it is within our family relationships, especially between spouses. Avoid dryness in family relationship by not demanding but minister in family with love according to scripture 2 Timothy 1:7" For God has given us the Spirit of love and not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind" and Galatians 5:13-15. Conditional love based relationship cannot sustain family relationships but one must love each other as he loves us.

Conclusion- Finally my dear brothers and sisters, God is looking for the thirst in us to pray with spirit of supplication, thirst to turn our dryness in life through his Word and thirst to hold on to Spirit of Love. If one thirsts for these, he is willing to pour his spirit to make you live as promised in Isaiah 44: 3 "For I will pour water on him who is thirsty". Now that God has given us his spirit we will not act by our own thoughts and actions, but we will live, stand, and become exceedingly great army with him, with our church and family.

Your **TEST** will become  
your **TESTIMONY**

Praise the Lord. It was a surreal moment for me when my dad, who is a Hindu, accepted Jesus Christ as his personal saviour. According to Acts 16: 31 God has proven time and again that he is mighty and willing to save our household and all we have to do is be still and fight on our knees. My dad reads bible every day. I thank God for his grace and love that he has shown to my family. Nothing is impossible with GOD. Please continue to pray for my parent's Baptism.

- Sasi Roche

Praise God. I went through a difficult phase during my post partum. It was my first delivery and I felt very lonely without my parents. My newborn was ill, and was hospitalized with feeding difficulties. I am so grateful that my daughter is doing well now and I was able to bounce back to my normal self by Grace of God.

-Patricia



Taking other's hand and praying for them is a powerful blessing you can give another person. We are here to support you through prayers. Send your prayer requests in SMS or call – 07916123274 / 07871872085.

## **Did you Know?? SOME FACTS ABOUT Adam, Eve and Eden**

**Adam was named after the elements** he was created from. Bible explains that God created the first man, who he called Adam, from mere dust. 'Adamah' in Hebrew means earth/ soil.

**Adam and Eve did not undergo biological birth** but God raised the former from the earth's dust (Psalm 139:15) from whose body He made the latter (Genesis 2:21-22)

Initially, Adam named his wife "women". He named her Eve after he ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge.

**Eve is not a Hebrew word.** It is an English word evolved from the word in Hebrew "Chavah". The name Eve means 'to give life'.

**Adam lived to 930 years old!** It is unknown when Eve died.

**The forbidden fruit might not have been an apple.** A Latin translation, which appeared in the fourth century AD, first used the word "malum" when describing the fruit of tree of knowledge. 'Malum' in Latin is apple.

## **BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL LENDING HANDS!!**

We are grateful for our food ministry volunteers and their family who prepared and served food after the Sunday service.

We thank you in the name of Jesus for all the members who generously donated for the Christmas charity food bank.

The Christmas carol service was a huge success. We thank all our children, teachers and parents who actively participated and made the event a truly blessed one.

## **CALL FOR DONARS/ VOLUNTEERS**



We seek your support in raising funds for Church building. Let us be encouraged in giving generously according to the scripture 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 **“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”.**

*Please contact Pastor Robert Rajan for further details about donation in [07916123274](tel:07916123274).*